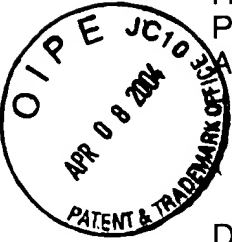


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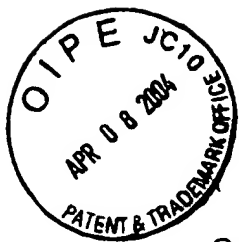
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**Reply Brief and Amendment in Response to Examiner's Answer Dated  
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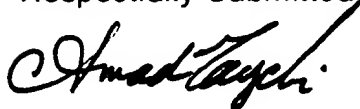
Applicant hereby submits the following Reply Brief and Amendment in response to  
Examiner's Answer dated February 12, 2004.

**APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF AND AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO  
EXAMINER'S ANSWER**

1. Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, Examiner's Answer dated February 12, 2004.
2. Applicant hereby re-affirms that he has no related appeals and/or interferences which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the decision in the pending appeal contained in the brief.

3. Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, Examiner's withdrawal of the Obviousness rejections of claims 13, 15 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a).
4. Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, Examiner's entry of the amendment after final rejection.
5. In his Response to Argument, affirming his rejection of claims 13, 15 and 19 as anticipated by Madole (5,299,833) under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b), Examiner deemed applicant's appeal Argument as being not persuasive because "the phrase "non-destructive adhesive" could not be located in the instant claims 13 and 15 as alleged by the applicant." Further, Examiner pointed out that "Appellant should note that the claimed invention is directed to a sheet and not a stack, . . . ." Examiner also pointed out that "the open-ended claim language could provide for the presence of additional elements/limitations such as non-adhesive area above the adhesive first area or the presence of a stack."
6. In response to Examiner's affirmation of his rejection of claims 13, 15 and 19, applicant has re-amended claims 13, 15, and 19 to incorporate additional claim elements/limitations, the absence of which constituted the grounds for Examiner's affirmation of his rejection of claims 13, 15 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b). All elements/limitations added to the claims have support in the application, as filed, as follows:
  - (a) "A plurality of postable stickers assembled in a multi-layer stack form", please see application, as filed, page 3, lines 5 and 6, page 5, lines 23 and 24 and page 6, line 5.
  - (b) "non-destructive adhesive", please see application as filed, page 3, line 1.
7. Re-amended claims 13, 15 and 19 are attached, please see Appendix A. Applicant hereby respectfully requests Examiner's consideration and allowance of re-amended claims 13, 15 and 19 in light of applicant's incorporation of additional claim elements/limitations, the absence of which constituted the grounds for Examiner's affirmation of his rejection of claims 13, 15 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b).

Respectfully Submitted

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## **APPENDIX (A)**

### **Am ended Claims**

Claim 13 (four times-amended):

A plurality of postable stickers assembled in a multi-layer stack form, each of said postable stickers [A temporary posting adhesive-coated sticker capable of being temporarily attached to an application surface,] comprising:

a sheet of opaque flexible material, said sheet having a perimeter defined by two parallel side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, said sheet having at least one first area and at least one second area; said first area extending to said top edge of said perimeter and extending from one of said parallel side edges to the other of said parallel side edges and being completely and continuously coated with a non-destructive pressure sensitive adhesive coating; said second area being located immediately adjacent to said first area and being substantially free from said non-destructive adhesive coating and providing a memo writing space; said non-destructive adhesive coating being of a temporary adhesion nature such that when said sticker is attached to and subsequently peeled off [said] an application surface, said non-destructive pressure sensitive adhesive coating remains on said first area of each of said stickers and said application surface suffers no damage; and,

at least one weakened tear line, selected from the group consisting of pre-slit cut lines, perforated lines and microperforated lines, wherein said weakened tear line being of such a shape and location that it substantially separates said at least one first area from said at least one second area and wherein said weakened tear line providing a low tear strength that directs an initial tear, started at one of the parallel side edges of said perimeter, to propagate along its path by offering lower resistance to tear against an applied tear force.

Claim 15 (four times amended):

A plurality of postable stickers assembled in a multi-layer stack form, each of said postable stickers [A temporary posting adhesive-coated sticker capable of being temporarily attached to an application surface,] comprising:

a sheet of opaque flexible material, said sheet having a perimeter defined by two parallel side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, said

sheet having at least one first area and at least one second area; said first area extending to said top edge of said perimeter and extending from one of said parallel side edges to the other of said parallel side edges and being completely and continuously coated with a non-destructive pressure sensitive adhesive coating; said second area being located immediately adjacent to said first area and being substantially free from said non-destructive adhesive coating and providing a memo writing space; said non-destructive adhesive coating being of a temporary adhesion nature such that when said sticker is attached to and subsequently peeled off [said] an application surface, said non-destructive pressure sensitive adhesive coating remains on said first area of each of said stickers and said application surface suffers no damage; and, at least one weakened tear line, selected from the group consisting of pre-slit cut lines, perforated lines and microperforated lines, wherein said weakened tear line extends from one of said parallel side edges to the other of said parallel side edges and is located, in its entirety, within said at least one second area and wherein said weakened tear line providing a low tear strength that directs an initial tear, started at either end of said weakened tear line, to propagate along the path of said weakened tear line by offering lower resistance to tear against an applied tear force

Claim 19 (once-amended):

A plurality of postable stickers assembled in a multi-layer stack form, each of said postable stickers [A temporary posting adhesive-coated sticker capable of being temporarily attached to an application surface,] comprising:

a sheet of opaque flexible material, said sheet having a perimeter defined by two parallel side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, said sheet having at least one first area and at least one second area; said first area extending to said top edge of said sheet perimeter and extending from one of said parallel side edges to the other of said parallel side edges and being at least partially coated with [an] a non-destructive adhesive coating; said second area being located immediately adjacent to said first area and being substantially free from said non-destructive adhesive coating and providing a memo writing space; said non-destructive adhesive coating being of a temporary adhesion nature such that when said sticker is attached to and subsequently peeled off an [said] application surface, said non-destructive adhesive coating

remains on said first area of each of said stickers and said application surface suffers no damage; and,

at least one weakened tear line, selected from the group consisting of pre-slit cut lines, perforated lines and microperforated lines, wherein said weakened tear line extends from said top edge to said bottom edge and wherein said weakened tear line providing a low tear strength that directs an initial tear, started at either end of said weakened tear line, to propagate along the path of said weakened tear line by offering lower resistance to tear against an applied tear force.